

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1645

AUER ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/534,966

FILED: MAY 16, 2005

FOR: LABELING METHODOLOGY COMPRISING OLIGOPEPTIDES

**MS: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 2, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of Group II, claims 3 and 6-10, drawn to a compound. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the request to elect a species, Applicants the species wherein the reactive group recited in claim 3(a) is the carbonyl group of a tripeptide; the label residue recited in claim 3(b) is LABEL1; and the affinity tagging group recited in claim 3(c) is AFF1 (see example 8 in TABLE 1, page 22 of the specification and on page 4).

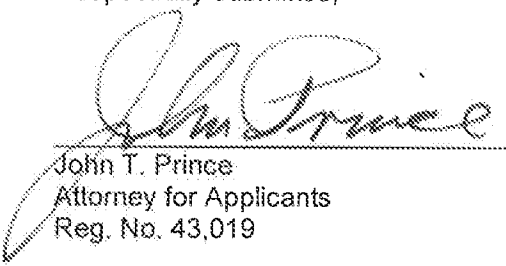
This election is being filed with a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time. If it is deemed that additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis for any fees due.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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